

The Sharon High Times

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Is Sharon High?



Is there a drug problem in Sharon High? According to a grade 12 student surveyed recently, the answer is no. His comments on the survey included the following statement: "I have tried a lot of drugs but I wouldn't necessarily do them more than maybe twice or three times a year. (i.e. acid). Some I have tried I will never do again. Not everyone abuses drugs to the point to which they will pass out. Some people know how to control their drug use, some don't--and they abuse drugs. That's wrong and I feel sorry for them." He has also used alcohol or drugs before or during school. For all his worldly knowledge on the subject in question, he is quite incorrect. Any use or solicitation of narcotics within the confines of Sharon High School and its grounds is illegal and constitutes a problem.

The survey reveals that the availability of drugs in Sharon High is significant, since 90% of students who had used drugs before or during school had also purchased drugs in school. Yet more than half the students surveyed said no when asked if they thought there

was a drug problem in Sharon High School.

The problem is a complex one. Do students smoke, drink, shoot up, take a hit, or snort only for the high or the "buzz"? No, many students said it was to release tension or to forget problems. Some said they were curious, others: "Feels great!", still others asked, "Why not?". The reply--"For the hell of it."--was also prevalent in answer to the question, "Why do you drink/get high?"

The facts are as follows: 1 in 7 students in grade 9 have used drugs before or during school. 1 in 2 students in grade 12 have used drugs before or during school.

The drugs used by students of Sharon High include alcohol, pot, "coke," L.S.D., valium and amphetamines.

The age at which students started drinking and/or taking drugs ranged from 11 to 18. Many said that they didn't start until they got to High School.

Less than 3% of the students surveyed use drugs or drink alone.

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The survey results to the question, "When authorities say that substances like pot are harmful to your health, do you believe them?", are given below.

Grade	Male		Female	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
9	80%	20%	79%	21%
10	77%	23%	80%	20%
11	75%	25%	68%	32%
12	81%	19%	100%	-

(These figures have been rounded. Approximately 2% of all students surveyed said "maybe.")

The use of drugs (including alcohol) by SHS students varies greatly. There are all types of people: those who never use any type of drug, those who use them only on special occasions (such as parties) those who use only on weekends and those who use them in school. Some people say that there is no drug problem in Sharon High if one compares it to other schools; however, the use of drugs still exists.

When asked to comment further on the questionnaire, students said: "I like to get a buzz on, and for me as for many of my friends it fills a gap missing for lack of opposite sex companionship which we are having a hard time to get."

"Drinking is great if done correctly."

"Drugs R great."

"This survey assumes that EVERY person in this school has used drugs or drank before. This is not true!"

"Kids do these things just so they can find out first-hand what it is like."

"There's no drug problem in Sharon."

"This is stupid!"

"Who cares? You only live once."

"I think everyone should do drugs. The world would be a much happier place to live in."

Clearly the opinions within the school differ greatly. However different, the use, possession, or sale of narcotics in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, carries the penalties of fines or jail or both.

--Darryl Rowe

Students Speak Up

We asked a few seniors about their use of drugs including alcohol. None regretted using drugs. All of them said their friends were also drugs users. For the most part, they take drugs socially at parties or experimentally because they enjoy the experience. One of them gave us an essay on drug use, part of which follows.

"Many people don't understand drugs and end up abusing them. This is wrong. Drugs are for one's use, not abuse. I smoke dope often but any other "mind expanding" type drug that I might do, like LSD (acid), is done very infrequently and is therefore limiting me to using it, not abusing it....anyone trying out new drugs should not be influenced by any outer force as to whether they like the drug or not.

One should decide what he can find that provides that experience. That person should also be able to realize what drugs are not good and are not meaningful to him and he should be aware enough of it to refuse them."

DRUGS MOST FREQUENTLY USED BY YOUTHS

Drug	Common Names
Alcohol	Booze, Grapes
Marijuana	Herb, Reefer, Grass, pot, weed, Ganja
Amphetamines	Red devils, Bennies, Speed, Uppers, Reds, Pep pills
Barbiturates	Barbs, blues goof balls, downers, yellow jackets
Phencyclidine	PCP, angel dust, peace pill, hog, killer weed, krystal
Herion	H, Junk, Horse, smack, scag
Cocaine	Snow, girl, coke, blow

MEDICAL USES

Alcohol	None
Marijuana	Possibly to treat glaucoma
Amphetamines	To increase energy, formerly widely prescribed for weight control
Barbiturates	To induce sedation and sleep, anesthetic, anti-convulsant.
PCP	Veterinary anesthetic
Herion	None
Cocaine	Local anesthetic

POSSIBLE EFFECTS

Alcohol-Uncoordination, decrease in respiration, red eyes, slurred speech, relaxed inhibitions.

Marijuana-Increased appetite (especially for sweets), red eyes, dry mouth, laughter, altered perception, loss of sense of time, paranoia, relaxed inhibitions.

Amphetamines-Decrease in appetite, increase in energy, increase pulse rate, gregarious behavior, can stay awake for very long periods of time before finally "crashing".

Barbiturates-Drowsiness, sedation, decrease in respiration similar to alcohol, slurred speech, decreased alertness.

Phencyclidine-Visual or auditory hallucinations, preoccupation w/death, profuse sweating, feelings of estrangement, numbing sensations.

Herion-Frequent scratching, drowsiness, depressed respiration, euphoria, constricted pupils, muscular twitching, loss of appetite, nausea, injection scars.

Cocaine-Euphoria, increased energy, dilated pupils, increased pulse rate, talkativeness, stimulation followed by depression.

PHRASES USED BY ADDICTS

Are you anywhere?
Are you holding?

Hand to Hand
Hungry Croaker

Making a Croaker for
a Reader

Toss out, or throw, a
wing ding

Do you have any narcotics?

Delivery of narcotics
Doctor who sells drugs or prescriptions

Getting a prescription from a
doctor.

To feign a spasm in order to
obtain narcotics from a doctor.

COMMON TERMS USED BY ADDICTS

Bindle or deck-Bag, coin envelope, aluminum foil, wrapped quality of drugs.

Bom B-Marijuana cigarette dipped in heroin.

Burned-To be sold a turkey

Burned Out-Collapsed veins.

Burned To be revealed by an informer

Outfit/Works- Hypodermic outfit

Cop- To purchase narcotics

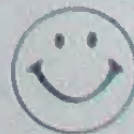
Pass-To pass is an actual transfer of drugs

Hot Shot- Fatal dose

Tracks- Collapsed veins appearing through skin

Spike-Hypo-needle

Speedball- Combo. of cocaine and heroin maybe used for a mainliner.



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How Taken-Tablet, capsule, ampul, or saturated sugar cube.
Primary Effects-Hallucination, depression can lead to serious mental changes, suicidal or homicidal tendencies.
Dangers -Recurrance of psychotoxic episodes which may occur months after the injection. Damage to chromosomes, and offspring.

HEROIN

How Taken- Any route
Primary effect-Sedative and analgesic unpleasant to people, depending on dose, progress into coma and death from respiratory failure.
Dangers-Psychic and physical dependence and tolerance develop rapidly.

MARIJUANA

How taken-Smoked, made into candy, sniffed, mixed w/honey for drinking, or w/butter spread on bread.
Dangers-Accident prone due to time and space sense disturbances, vivid visions, and dangerous to himself and others.

AMPHETAMINES

How taken- Tablet or capsule or intravenous injection
Primary effect- Wakefulness, increased alertness. Intravenous doses cause cocaine-like psychotoxic effects.
Dangers-High blood pressure, abnormal heart beats, heart attacks, weight loss, hallucinations, jumpiness and dangerous aggression.

BARBITUATES

How taken-Tablet or capsule or intravenously (light dose)
Primary effect- relaxed, sociable, good humored. Heavy dose- gloomy, quarrelsome, slurred voice and staggering.
Dangers- Sedation, coma, death. Addictive, physical and physical and psychic dependency. Inattentiveness which also causes a person to O.D.

COCAINE

How taken- Orally or intravenously, sometimes combined with heroin
Primary effects- Relieve hunger and fatigue. Psychotic effects, hallucinations with paranoid tendency.
Dangers- Convulsions and death from O.D. paranoic activity

CODENE

How Taken- Orally, tablet or liquid or injected.
Primary effects-Cough suppressent very light sedation
Dangers-Risk or abuse-very minor. Occasionally restored to by opiate dependent persons to tide them over with inadequate results.

METHAMPHETAMINE

How taken- Orally as tablets, elixir, or intravenously
Primary effect- Resemble amphetamines marked with toxicity.
Dangers- Psychotoxic effects with sometimes a fatal outcome

MORPHINE

How taken- Any route, mainly by intravenous
Dangers-Psychic and physical dependence and tolerance develop readily, w/a characteristic withdrawal syndrome

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-Nancy Pavlakis

P.A.C.T.

P.A.C.T. (Parents and Children Together) is a group of concerned adults and young people who recognize the drug problem in Sharon and are trying to do something about it. An especially dedicated group, known as the "steering committee", runs the organization, making all the important policy and procedural decisions. Though P.A.C.T. has only been in existence for 6-8 months, it has had several accomplishments. The group has set up an adult education program at which interested adults can see films, hear speakers and have discussions on the problem. It has also been compiling a book which will contain places for referral on the many different problems with drugs. And, now, David Toma, a famous speaker on the subject, is coming to Sharon, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 19th and 20th. A follow-up to Mr. Toma's visit is being planned by P.A.C.T. for the month's to come. P.A.C.T. should be applauded for its efforts and it is hoped that many more parents and young adults will join P.A.C.T. to fight what has been shown to be a major problem in our town.

-Jim Messina

TOMA

David Toma, a former New York City police detective, is considered by many to be the most outspoken opponent of drugs in the country. During his career as a police officer, he made over 10,000 arrests-with a phenomenal 98% resulting in conviction through the use of hundreds of disguises. Toma, whose life has inspired two hit TV shows "Toma" and "Baretta", was not always so strongly opposed to drugs. After his 5-year-old son died in 1961, Dave turned to drugs in order to cope. At one point he was taking close to 100 pills a day. Dave fortunately realized the damage that was being done and "kicked" the habit. He has since gone on the lecture trail in the hopes that he may steer people from the evils of drugs.

Larry Rubin

EXCERPTS from the EXPERT

On the evening of January 4, I was fortunate to represent the Sharon High Times in an interview with Mr. Robert Stutman, a federal narcotics agent. Mr. Stutman has been very kind in being the official source of the column "Drugs" and in granting us this interview. We owe him thanks.

Nancy Newman

SHT: Describe your title and what your job entails.

STUTMAN: My title is Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. I am responsible for enforcement for all the federal drug laws in the six New England states, and they all report to me.

SHT: Did you go to college with the idea of becoming a narcotics agent?

STUTMAN: No. When I went to college in '64, Criminal Justice was not a popular major the way it is today. I graduated with a degree in Economics and went to work for the CIA, and frankly, became bored. I knew I wanted law enforcement and interviewed with the FBI, Secret Service, and Narcotics. I chose Narcotics basically because the people I met were very bright, very aggressive, and very interesting. I have been with them since 1965.

SHT: What kind of school did you go to in order to become a narcotics agent?

STUTMAN: The training school today is a 14-week training school. Once you are selected to become an agent, there is a long selection

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EXCERPTS

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process involving psychological tests, three major interview sessions, and screening for passing top-secret clearance. After the selection process, you attend the training school, which is a combination of three things: one, academics - learning about drugs and their effects, learning the law, working undercover, making arrests, etc.; two, physical - learning self-defense, how to use weapons, etc.; and three, practical application - applying what you learned in class to mock situations. that last four or five days.

School is in session seven days a week. The whole theory of the school is to keep the potential agent in a situation of constant stress. The reason for this is that we'd rather have him break in school than become an agent and have a problem then.

SHT: Besides being in on the action, what other aspects are involved in the drug enforcement field?

STUTMAN: I think the reason I find it so interesting is that it is the most challenging type of law enforcement. In every other type of law enforcement, somebody complains to someone because they are the victims. In drugs, you really have only two different types of people: drug sellers and drug buyers, neither of whom rarely, if ever, complain to the police. So we have to find the crime ourselves, and we have to use various different methods to do this. I find it a tremendous mental challenge. The most stupid thing a dope peddler can do is to sell to a narcotics agent because he'll go to jail. When you work undercover, they are constantly trying to find out if you are an agent, and you have to constantly convince them that you're not. One big difference, of course, is that they don't have any rules to work by, but we have to live by certain rules.

The satisfaction is terrific: locking up and removing from society a major drug peddler, somebody who's probably caused a lot of grief, gives you a good feeling.

SHT: Have you ever been in a life and death situation?

STUTMAN: I have been in situations that one could consider dangerous about four times in the last sixteen years.

SHT: What is involved in breaking up a drug ring?

STUTMAN: That is an extremely difficult, complex question. The way DEA works is that we only go after major international or interstate drug organizations. We don't go after people selling drugs on the street for a number of reasons. Number one, if you arrested a thousand people for selling heroin or marijuana on the street, there'd be a thousand more to take their place tomorrow. The most difficult thing to do is to get the people who rarely touch the drugs, those who finance it, those responsible for the drugs three or four levels up from what high school students see. The way you normally have to do it is through a "conspiracy statute," which means that if two or more people plan to violate the law, they are as guilty as if they had violated that law themselves. It sounds easy, but it is a very complex thing to do. You have to be able to prove in a court of law that they were going to do this, and through various legal means, you can arrest people who never took part in the crime, who only financed it.

(To be continued)

Interview with Ilene Fitzgerald

Officially, Ilene Fitzgerald is a "Human Adjustment Counselor". Basically, she is someone who is very concerned with the student body; someone who is willing to sit down to listen to someone's problems and try to help. She deals with crisis intervention, attempting to sort out problems or just listen when you need someone to talk to. She isn't difficult to get in touch with. Some students are referred to her through parents of teachers, but most kids "refer themselves." Anyone can knock on her door at any time of the day or leave a note in her mailbox to see her. She's always ready to see anyone.

How did the role of Human Adjustment Counselor come about? According to Ilene Fitzgerald, about 10 or 12 years ago, there was a major problem at the High School, big enough to make the Boston newspapers. Open busts were common. Over the next four or five years, concerned parents, teachers and students went through many hours of training at their own expense, and created a curriculum aimed towards solving the drug problems. This curriculum was accepted by the townspeople and the school committee; however, it was never implemented, possibly because the publicity about drug use became unfashionable and drug use around and in the schools was not as flamboyant. The school committee began to concentrate on other areas. A Human Adjustment Counselor was considered to be the solution to the problem.

Miss Fitzgerald is one of many concerned with the drug issue. She has and does see students with drug problems, not usually as a major problem in itself, but as a symptom. It's not an easy symptom to treat, but for those who want the help, Miss Fitzgerald seems to be very capable of giving them all the help that they need. When asked about the drug problem at Sharon High, Miss Fitzgerald replied that she felt it was larger than people cared to admit. These days, drugs aren't used as openly and flamboyantly as they were 10-12 years ago, so the issue as well as the drugs and drug users themselves are more concealed.

Toma, she feels, is a big step towards raising the awareness of the drug issue, showing people the bare facts. P.A.C.T. as well is a group that she admires because, as a group of concerned adults, they are beginning to take the needed steps towards solving the drug problem in Sharon.

Ilene Fitzgerald is one of many who are trying to solve the drug problems in, and around Sharon High School. With concerned adults like her, the drug issue will hopefully be solved very soon.

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Q & A

Here are some of the answers to your questions as promised. They were answered by Mr. Robert Stutman, a federal narcotics agent. If you have any type of question about drugs, please write it on a piece of paper and drop it off in Room 114.

Q. Why won't they (the gov't) legalize marijuana?

A. Probably the simplest reason is that most Americans don't want it legalized. A vast majority of people over 21 and even a majority of college and high school students in various polls have felt that marijuana should not be legalized in the U.S. This is for a good reason. Over the past 2 years many studies have shown that marijuana is a physically harmful substance. Among other things, it is 16 times

more potent than tobacco as a cause of various lung diseases and has more lung cancer potential than tobacco. In addition, it has been shown that T.H.C. remains in the body, predominantly the brain and liver, for 30 days after use, and this build up of foreign chemical in the body, some studies show, may be causing long term harmful effects that were unknown until about 1 year ago. In summary, almost all scientists now feel that unlike it's previous reputation as a "harmless substance," marijuana is a substance that may cause a great deal of physical damage, especially to the young user.

Q. Can you be sure of the quality of the drugs you buy on the street? Does price dictate quality?

A. Even the most experienced drug user or seller at the retail level has no way of judging the strength of a drug or even what the drug is until the person uses the substance. This is obviously a very dangerous way to test anything since if it is not what the user expected or is used to it could cause a severe reaction including death. Many so called overdose deaths are actually the result of a person taking a substance, not knowing what it is, and dying.

--Nancy Newman

CARE

To the Editor:

Our guilt is relieved when we drop a few coins in a can marked CARE. We can return to our wasteful lives knowing that we've done our good deed for the day, but have we?

A percentage of the coins in the can goes towards buying food for the third world countries. This seems great; however, the truckloads of food are infrequent and often end up in the wrong stomachs.

The suffering continues; misery is the recipe of life for the hungry. Their stomachs continue to expand while they consume their own muscles and proteins, their final energy source, to sustain themselves until they reach the Stygian shore.

Isn't it wonderful to see a smiling Cambodian child on television while countless numbers are perishing?

To help these people we should not make them dependent on the truckload of food; rather, we should make them independent by sharing our savoir-faire in skills to support ourselves.

--Sheila Rossman

Love Is...

There is not a day that goes by without us seeing or hearing the word "love." We're bombarded from all sides; on the radio, in books, in magazines, in films, and especially on television. If you haven't experienced 'love' what do you envision love to be? Is it romantic love letters and poems? Maybe love's a nice candlelight dinner or a romantic stroll along the beach on a moonlight night, or better yet, cuddling up close to the person you care for in front of a nice cozy fire on a bearskin rug? Our vision of love is distorted because of the hard sell of love we experience every day. ABC advertises its soap opera's by calling it 'love in the afternoon.' Most of what we see or hear hardly ever deals with feelings or emotions, it more frequently deals with the romance of it. That is why it is so possible to fall in love with love. We're always searching for love and when we go out with someone we always hope to hear them say "I love you," and expect them to sign their letters 'love' and 'love always'. When we don't hear the words we become hurt and offended. There is such an emphasis on finding Mr. or Ms. "right", because of that fact it is very easy to trick or convince ourselves into thinking we're in love or what we believe love to be. When people have sex nowadays it's called 'making love'; is sex love?

No matter what, there will never be a definitive answer to what love is. Every person's definition is totally different and like so many things in life, love is what you make of it.

K.R.

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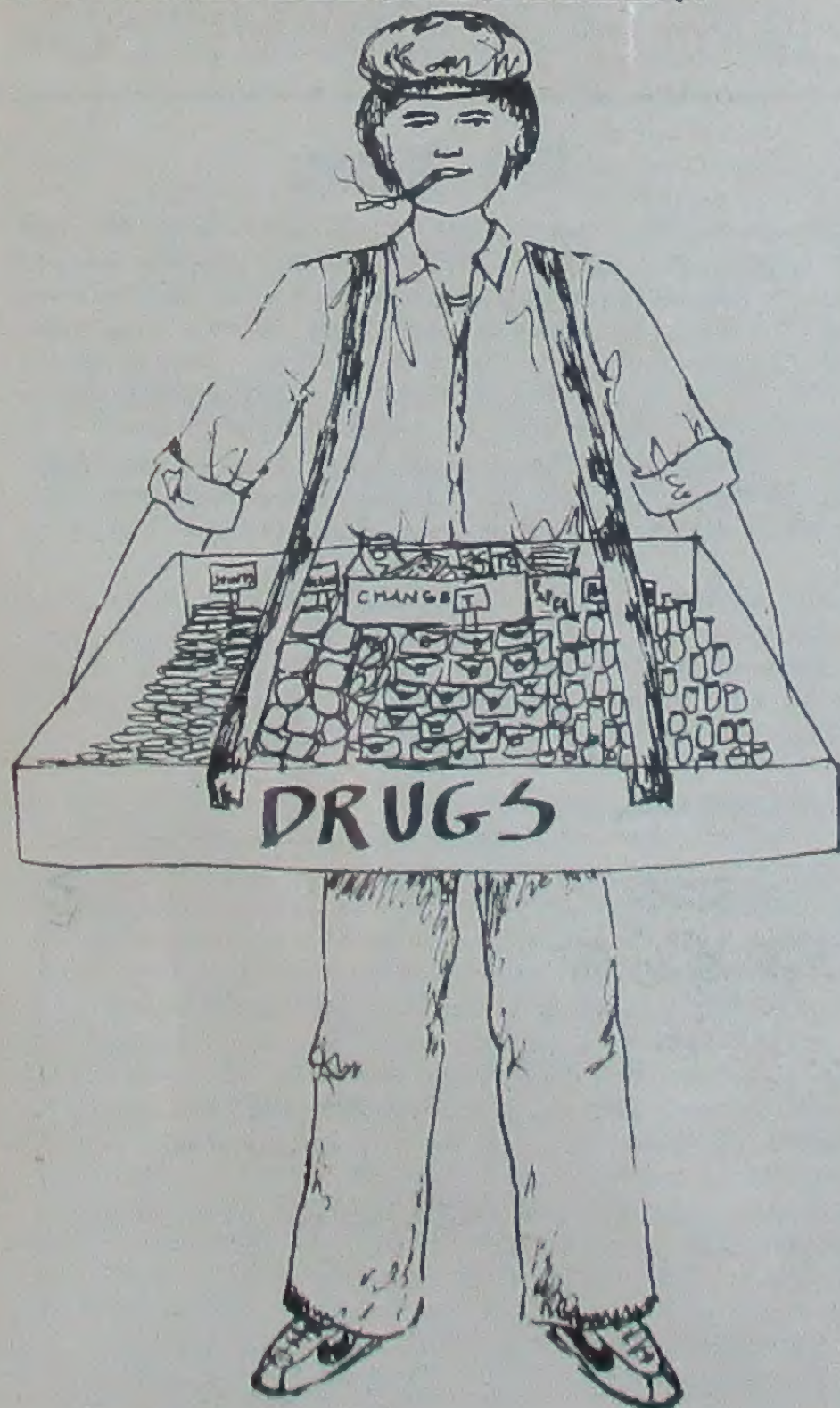
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SOPHOMORES

"Oh! Can I see it?" seemed to illustrate the arrival of our class rings shortly before vacation. Just about everyone seemed to be pleased with their new Sharon High School emblem fitting perfectly on their finger. For those who weren't completely happy with the color, size, printing or even the tardy arrival of their ring, our handy "Ring Man" has promised to fix that for you. I, as well as Jostons, hopes you'll wear them well and, years from now, with remembrance.

No more subs to hand in, no more confusion of sorting them out, and no more magazine announcements. So ends our very successful ten day magazine drive.... for this year, at least, the involvement of many people was also successful in this program. Some sold just two or three, the average per person we had hoped for, while some more ambitious people sold more, like Jerry Murphy who made over \$200 on his sales! And yes, the weepuls and other such fun magazine prizes should be arriving in the near future. Realizing that this was the first (and very profitable, I might add) try at this type of fund-raising, we do hope that by next year, being the time to renew again, everyone will know what they're doing and no one will ask, "But what was I supposed to do?"

The reason for candy canes is also over. One can not say much more about those sweet, red-and-white striped, cavity causing, fattening, holiday candy canes except thank you to all who helped "attach message, tie bow, attach to candy cane...attach message, tie bow, attach to..." for almost all 1000 of them.

Those soon-to-be famous Sophomore Slogan T-Shirts will soon be in the making after all the orders are in. Yet there is one slight addition. Originally, the T-Shirts were to print "Get more from the Class of '84" with a clever picture. But now, not to worry Alice Lang (because we're not omitting your super slogan), we're adding Marni Kaplan's as a choice. Marni, being the creative author of "out the door in '84", will also win a free T-shirt. After optimistically assuring the printing company that we would sell enough T-shirts, the company agreed to making it possible to have a choice. Many of the slogans were great but because of popular demand the choice for you is between those two. So whether "you get more" or will be "out the door" (or both), let's show it, sophomores!!

Sandra Gould

SENIORS!

The Seniors are really swinging in the New Year of 1982. Currently underway is a push for dues. The first homeroom to have paid all their dues will receive \$1 off the cost of class night. There is definitely heavy competition among the homerooms. All those who get their dues in by February 1st will receive a candy bar.

The location for our class night was chosen to be the King Phillip in Wrentham on Wednesday evening, May 26th. At this time, we would like to present a slide show done to music. We think this will add greatly to the spirit among us all when we will only have two more weeks until graduation. If you have a camera that takes slides, please speak to one of the officers about taking pictures for the presentation.

In addition, we have limited our selection of the bands to four that are being investigated by members of the planning board. All those interested--come on down to Room 114--we'd love to have you join us.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

—Jen Kaplan

Future Secretaries Club

One of the new clubs that has started this year in Sharon High School is the Future Secretaries Club. The purpose of this club is for the members to become more acquainted with the daily routines of different types of secretaries.

So far, they have listened to a couple of speakers after school. In the future, they are arranging for students of the secretarial colleges to come in and talk about student life.

New Year's Day

Well, another New Year's Day has come and gone, and people all over the world are welcoming in 1982.

In the United States, people usually attend parties to "watch the old year out and the new year in". On New Year's Day, friends gather to celebrate. In Europe, the celebration is one of exchanging gifts, having parties, and visiting friends.

Early cultures, such as the Chinese, Egyptian and Jewish, celebrated new years, but at different times, with fancy ceremonies. The Chinese once used the Lunar Calendar, which was based on the waxing and waning of the moon but today use the Gregorian Calendar and celebrate new years on January 1. The Egyptians celebrated the new year when the River Nile overflowed in the middle of June. In late September, about the time of the autumnal equinox, is the Jewish new year, a festival occasion.

In ancient Rome, the honor of the first day of the year was given to Janus, the god of gates, doors, beginnings and endings. The month January was named for this god. On New Year's Day, the Romans gave gifts to one another, as well as to the Roman emperor to wish him good fortune. This gift-giving custom was carried as far as Persia (now Iran). The English revived this custom in the 1200's. Fine gifts were given to the King and Queen.

In 487 A.D., New Year's Day became a holy day by the Christian Church, when it was declared as the Feast of the Circumcision. Not until the 1500's did Pope Gregory XIII (developed by Julius Caesar), dropping days in October and February and adding the leap year. With this, January 1 became generally recognized as New Year's Day.

—Eric Traiger

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Math Memoirs

Once again the Sharon High School Math Team has had two very successful competitions. In this year's second Southeastern Massachusetts Math League meet, Sharon won easily with ninety points, twenty-eight points more than the second place finisher, Dover-Sherborn. Sheila Rossman was the highest scoring junior with thirteen points. Sophomore Michele Sarin was the second highest scorer in her grade. Finally freshman Leslie Badoian, in another fantastic performance was the highest scorer in the entire meet with a nearly perfect score of fifteen points.

In the second Greater Boston Math League competition, Sharon placed second behind Canton. The Sharon junior varsity team also did extremely well. If the J.V. team had been in the varsity competition it would have placed third, just behind the Sharon varsity team.

The Massachusetts Association of Mathematics Leagues Level I Olympiad Exam results have been announced, and Sharon students have done very well. All advanced math students took the test earlier in the school year, as did approximately five thousand other students throughout the state. One hundred and two of these students were named finalists, and the next one hundred and ninety-nine were awarded certificates of merit. Sharon senior Gerald Gann is a finalist, and the following students are certificate of merit winners: senior Larry Lovett, juniors Sarah Katz, Eugene Silberstein, and Andrew Braunstein. The top three scorers in each class are: grade nine - Jennifer Byrnes, Leslie Badoian, and Nathan Gopen; grade ten - Christopher Keefe, Scott Rubinstein, and Michele Sarin; grade eleven - Sarah Katz, Eugene Silberstein, and Andrew Braunstein; and grade twelve - Gerald Gann, Larry Lovett, and Muge Erkan. Congratulations to everyone, and keep up the good work.

By Sarah Katz

The chorus added much to the holiday spirit both in and out of school this winter. On December 16th, the chorus travelled to Abington, Mass. where they performed a Christmas program for the Massachusetts Superintendents' Luncheon at the Alamo Restaurant. This program included, along with the Chorus' prepared songs, a sing-along of carols with the superintendents and also a song dedication by the Jazz Choir to a retiring superintendent. Also featured was a small group that sang Hebrew songs and a duet by Christina Hugnes and Melanie Brickell. The concert was a great success, and the chorus received warm letters afterwards from the superintendents, as they did last year.

Then, on December 23, the chorus once again "caroled through the halls" of Sharon High, which brought many interested faces out of classrooms and added to the spirit.

That evening, approximately 25 members of the chorus, including alumni of the chorus from previous years, caroled at many houses in Sharon.

Some members of the chorus are rehearsing for the S.E.M.S.B.A. singing audition on January 23rd. The difficult try-out piece is "Almighty Father" by Leonard Bernstein. Last year the Semsba results were excellent, and hopefully, this year many members will be accepted.

Fame will once again sponsor their annual Pops Concert, this year in late March. The chorus is busily learning new songs, including "Swingin' with the Saints" & "Listen to the Music" to perform at the concert, which in the past, has proved to a superb evening.

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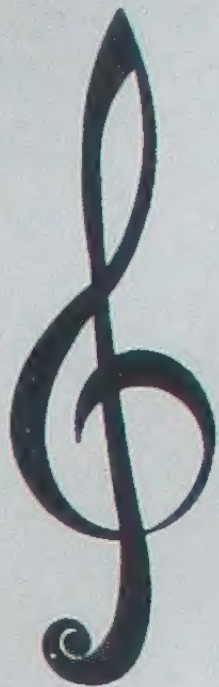
During the past few Drama Club meetings, fundraising was one of the major topics of discussion. The booth at the Walpole Mall is completely booked for the rest of the year, so a bake sale will not be possible. But singing telegrams are starting to go into action.

The other major topic was, of course, the play. It's almost showtime and the steady rehearsals for Godspell seem to be really paying off.

An overwhelming amount of people showed interest originally in working behind-the-scenes. Unfortunately, only a limited amount of people to do stage crew are needed, but your interest in participation was very much appreciated.

Many thanks go to everyone who has been involved in getting this show on the road. Some members of the Drama Club have helped out with publicity and ticket sales. All in all, the cast has been given a great deal of support, and, although there's a lot of work to be done over the next week, I'm sure our efforts will be rewarded.

--Chris Hughes



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variety show



This year's first variety show was on December 15 during period 1. This time, the calculus and computer classes sponsored the event which attracted over 500 students. Mrs. Linda DiVittorio had a major part in organizing this special program. A band from New York, "Second Chance," made a special trip to play for our school. Incidentally Mrs. D's daughter played the piano and sang a duet of "Endless Love" with Eddie Saunders.

Laurence Lovett was the most humorous master of ceremonies. Jason Chin performed a special karate act, and Denise Heitmann, Lorenze Cole, Lori Edmonds, Marcia Bock, Eddie Saunders, Sandi Slaney, and Melissa Shapiro sang to entertain us for the last period of the day.

The show was a total success, and thanks goes to all who made it fun for those who attended.

--Jen Kaplan



NEWS ACTION

Computer Club News

With the new rise in school spirit at Sharon High, several new clubs have had their roots planted. One of these new clubs is the Computer Club. The purpose of this club is to familiarize students with the fascinating field of computers. The members of the club are of all different abilities; some are computer experts, others are a little knowledgeable on the subject, and still others have no experience at all with computers. We hope to teach these people about the usefulness of computers and their current applications in our world.

One of the first projects deals with playing Diplomacy, the Avalon-Hill board game. This is in preparation for writing a computerized version of this game, which will not only teach the club members about computers, but also the logical thinking that goes into the programming process. This game is being developed for use in the Sharon High Social Studies department. In the future, there is the possibility that the game could be published. Other projects envisioned for this year include several field trips; however no firm plans have been made at this time.

The officers, most of whom were nonviolently and popularly elected by Mrs. DiVittorio, our advisor, are as follows:

President	--- Daniel Crawford
Vice-President	--- Andrew Braunstein
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Secretary	--- Sarah Katz
Programming Director	--- Jon Bloch
Minister of War	--- Alan Smith
Public Relations	--- David Dobro
Chief of Propaganda	--- Larry Rubin
Personel Manager	--- Barri Gold
Social Director & Gopher	--- Alan Kniager

We are looking forward to a very successful year, and all those who haven't joined yet are welcome to come to any of our future meetings in room 514 and join the other 25 members who believe in the future of computers.

-- Andrew Braunstein

Guest Speakers

In the past two months there have been guest speakers that have come to Sharon High School representing different current events or subjects that have been in the headlines. Ms. Savage has started these monthly forums so the students will be acquainted with, and be more informed about, current events. In November, the first guest speakers came to speak about nuclear war. The speakers that came were: Rabbi Kaplan, Temple Sinai; Father Bullock, Our Lady of Sorrows Church; Louise Bruyn, from Jobs for Peace; and Pat Daniels, Halsey Snow, and Tony Mullaney, from the Council for Nuclear Weapons Freeze. They all spoke about the dangers of nuclear war.

In December, Lt. Colonel Jedlicka from the Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Massachusetts, came to speak about the different procedures and activities that transpire on the base.

This month the speaker will be Dr. Evelyn Murphy, who was head of the Environmental Affairs Office under

Gov. Michael Dukakis. Dr. Murphy will speak about hazardous waste disposal.

Students are given reading material on the subject presented before the presentation to enable them to better understand the topic and to ask some questions. Ms. Savage hopes these presentations will continue at Sharon High so students will become better informed and more aware citizens in the community.

--Karen Craddock

Reader's Rendezvous

The Reader's Rendezvous Club sponsored a school-wide book sale the week before the December vacation to raise money for its treasury. Hugh Craig worked diligently in his volunteer role of publicity coordinator. All club members including Karen Hall, Carol Lee Jackson, Karen Sinman, Debby Shadoff, Kevin Tyler, Ann Parker, Dorit Tori, Susan Barrows, Margie Lawlor, Irving Miller and Pam Shuman, as well as Ms. Gunniss and Mrs. Goldberg, worked making posters, packing and unpacking books, counting, sorting and placing books on shelves.

Originally the book sale made its debut in the lobby, but was shortly thereafter moved back to the Art/Reading room to allow it to be open all day. The club is extremely grateful to all students who purchased paperbacks or children's books for both personal use and gifts. Special thanks goes to Mr. Blake and the entire English department for their support and patronage.

A total of 97 books were sold and the club earned close to \$50. Sharon High students also deserve a special thanks for their honesty and fairness. Thievery proved to be needless worry. Not one book was removed without payment.

The club hopes to use the funds in some way to promote club spirit and participation in its volunteer work to the elementary school children of Sharon. Reader's Rendezvous wishes everyone a Happy Year with reading.

Romeo and Juliet

Franco Zeffirelli's cinematic interpretation of *Romeo and Juliet* is an artistic masterpiece. He skillfully combines scenery, directing and excellence in acting to form a classic film of an even more classic story. Of course, even this fine piece of work has a few weak points.

Zeffirelli's set design is exquisite. He uses what appears to be the actual city of Verona for his backdrop, complete with castles, narrow cobblestone streets, and marketplaces. These settings make it possible to shoot grander scenes, such as the opening brawl in the marketplace, or Mercutio's death at the bottom of a high set of steps. Also, sweeping shots of the countryside and Romeo's pursuit of Juliet on her balcony make the movie come to life, rather than being one-dimensional, as the play often is when performed in live theater.

The casting of the characters is superb. Juliet is beautiful, and it is easy to see why Romeo would fall in love with her. Romeo himself is an Adonis, and, in his final scene in the Capulet tomb, appears so tragic that the audience is able to identify with the loss he feels. The nurse, Mercutio, and even Friar Laurence are perfect in their parts, as if the roles were tailor-made for the actors over three centuries ago.

Alas, this seemingly perfect film has its faults. For those who have read the play, these gaps are obvious. For those who have not, they are much less so. Romeo's original love, Rosaline, is barely mentioned. Where, one wonders, does Romeo get the lethal poison which causes his tragic death? An attempt is made to show the body beautiful, but, quite frankly, the result is embarrassing.

Romeo and Juliet is indeed a beautiful film. Its good points far outweigh the bad. If one can accept its faults with a grain of salt, one will find it to be a cinematic triumph. 9

- Shelley Angers

A collage of black and white photographs capturing various moments from a school assembly or pep assembly. The photos show students cheering, holding signs, and participating in activities. Visible text includes "SENIORS DO IT", "EAGLE POWER", and "POWER".

The Seniors, judged by Mr. Plouffe and Mr. Chappuis, were the loudest.

The Pep Rally, held the day before the Thanksgiving Day game, was a lot of fun for everyone. The mad rush of students began pouring into the Music Hall, and some worked steadily making posters until the rally was ready to begin. The Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors were represented well in the gym. The football players were introduced, and the four co-captains, Ron

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Sports

The New England Patriots, thanks to their 2-14 record, will have the first pick in the NFL draft, and it appears that they will take Kenneth Sims of Texas, winner of the Lombardi Trophy as the nation's top defensive lineman... it was a big disgrace to see the Patriots lose to the Colts in the Stupor Bowl... Rumor has Andy Johnson moving to quarterback, Steve Grogan to water boy, and Matt Cavanaugh to team manager... Thanks to coach Forrest Gregg, quarterback Kenny Anderson, and a cast of unknowns such as fullback Pete Johnson and tight end Dan Ross, Cincinnati was the best team in the AFC... Possibly the greatest football game in history took place recently when the San Diego Chargers defeated the Miami Dolphins in overtime, 41-38. Miami's backup quarterback, Don Strock, led a spirited Dolphin comeback from a 24 point deficit in the first quarter, and Miami actually had two chances to win on Uwe von Schamann field goal attempts, but both were blocked. Dan Fouts set playoff records for attempted and completed passes and passing yardage, and Kellen Winslow set playoff records for receptions and yardage. The game was finally won on a Rolf Benirschke field goal with a minute left in overtime... It was heartbreaking to see Craig Morton on the last Monday night game of the season sitting at home watching the Chargers take away a playoff spot from the Broncos. Morton had an outstanding year... How about Bert Jones in a Patriot uniform?... It was good to see that Ron Erhardt left with class, no thanks to Patriot management... Will the real Jim Plunkett please stand up?!

Detroit greatly improved themselves through the draft by acquiring the best player available, Isiah Thomas, thanks to Dallas, and by getting the steal of the draft, hard-nosed Kelly Tripueka out of Notre Dame... Danny Ainge looks like he'll be a good one. His ballhandling skills are exceptional, he has a fine shooting touch (although he hasn't yet showed Celtic fans), and excellent anticipation on defense... When Robert Reid suspended himself for five games for religious reasons, the Rockets fell apart. On a team dominated by large egos, his unselfish presence is needed... And now Elvin Hayes has demanded to either play more or to be traded, but coach Del Harris just laughed... Buck Williams, the New Jersey Nets top draft choice and the third player selected overall, has been the Nets sole bright spot, ranking among the top five rebounders in the NBA... No, it's not a misprint, Darryl Dawkins is leading in the all-star voting for Eastern Conference centers. How can anyone who has seen him play want him in the all-star game?... Ron Brewer's three consecutive career-high outbursts of 39-40-44 while George Gervin was injured simply served to showcase him. The Spurs don't need Brewer with Gervin around, and those games enabled San Antonio to get the most from their big trade with Cleveland... Who is the only forward in the league averaging more assists per game than Larry Bird? Denver's Alex English, who is also hitting for 25 points per game... The Nuggets' entire front line of Dan Issel, English and Kiki Vandeweghe is averaging more than 20 points per game... Washington's Jeff Ruland, after all the scouting reports said he was too slow to play in the NBA, has been doing a great job coming off the bench for the Bullets as a power forward, thus quieting his critics... Best early-season coaching job was done by John McLeod of Phoenix. His Suns went 12-7 without the services of their best player, guard Walter Davis... At last check, Julius Erving was shooting a remarkable 59% from the field... And the Los Angeles Lakers have signed Bob McAdoo as a back-up to Kareem. Good luck, L.A.

There is only one way to introduce the subject of hockey-Wayne Gretzky. The Great One made a shambles of Rocket Richard and Mike Bossy's record of fifty goals in fifty games by scoring fifty in just thirty-nine games. He will probably become the first player ever to reach 200 points in a single season... Dale Hawerchuk of the Winnipeg Jets, Barry Pederson of the Bruins, and Grant Fuhr of the Edmonton Oilers are three of the league's best rookies... Winnipeg has more points at the halfway mark of this season (34) than they had all of last season (32)... Once again, the Philadelphia Flyers lead the league in penalty minutes... Rick Middleton will probably become the first Bruin to score fifty goals in a season since Phil Esposito... Last year, five goalies had goals-against-averages of better than 3.00 a game. This year, only Montreal's Dennis Herron, at 2.75, is under that mark... Attention, New York hockey fans. Neither the Islanders nor the Rangers will win the Stanley Cup... Don't look for the Bruins in the Stanley Cup finals either unless those younger players stop flying right by Brad Park on defense.

Geth Hieken and Harvey Blumenthal

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

The Girls Varsity Basketball team started its season with a hard-fought 32-27 victory against Hopkinton.

The Eagles are led by senior co-captains Raynor Spencer at center, Tracy Davenport and Jennifer Loiselle at forwards, and juniors Lynne Grafton and Lisa Murphy at the guard positions. Coming off the bench are senior Mim Minicello; junior Maureen Laurie; sophomores Tracey Waterman, Linda Sheckman, and Carol Smith; and freshmen Stacey Kiley and Rachael Elkind.

After winning the three opening games against Hopkinton, Canton, and Weston, the team lost their high scorer, Jen Loiselle, because of a sprained ankle. Fortunately, with the strength of Tracy Davenport's and Lynne Grafton's scoring, Raynor Spencer's continued domination of the boards, and Lisa Murphy's lead of the offense, the Eagles have continued their streak of six wins against only one loss to Quincy. The Eagles have been both fortunate to have lots of depth on the bench and also to have an excellent coach.

Mr. Allman and the Eagles are anticipating a promising season with the opportunity to enter the tournament at the end of the season.

-Maureen Laurie

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BOYS BASKETBALL

The basketball team began the year right. First, they defeated Bishop Feehan and then North Attleboro, capturing the title in the Holiday Tournament at North Attleboro. Buzz Ampey was named to the all-star team and Captain Ken Prince won the MVP award.

Sharon then came home to defeat Canton in a tough game. Again, Prince led the team with a strong job from Bob Laurie coming off the bench. Unfortunately, they lost starting guard Buzz Ampey to a ruptured achilles tendon. Greg Greenidge did a fine job as his replacement.

The first defeat of the season came against Weymouth South, a tough division I club. Sharon fell behind early but with players like Dennis Foley doing a fine job, Sharon came back to tie the score only to fall in the last few minutes.

The team then traveled to King Philip High School and walked away with a 78-36 trouncing of the warriors. It was a team effort with everyone scoring.

Mansfield came to Sharon with a 5-0 record and many fans. The gym was rocking as two tough teams went at it. Sharon finally pulled away in the fourth quarter and things got really rough. A Mansfield player was ejected with a double technical foul and a fight almost broke out as another player intentionally fouled Ken Prince. It was an emotional win for the Eagles.

Sharon then lost two consecutive away games. Both the Stoughton game and the Oliver Ames game went into overtime as the Eagles, with strong games by Jay Davenport (back from a pre-season injury), Bob Laurie, and Steve Coffey, went down to defeat.

At home, Sharon had a tough time with North Attleboro, but both Ed Saunders and Greg Greenidge had a big game and the Eagles won by a score of 58-55.

Sharon is looking forward to a successful season with a possible post-season birth in the state tournament.

by David Cronendyke



ENTERTAINMENT

Upcoming January Films

FILM

STARRING

Venom	Stealing Hayden, Susan George
Shoot The Moon	Albert Finney, Diane Keaton
The Seduction	Andrew Stevens, Michael Sarazin
Vice Squad	Susan Hubble, Gary Swanson
Making Love	Kate Jackson
Private Lessons	Howard Hessman, Sylvia Kristel
On Golden Pond	Henry Fonda, Katherine Hepburn, Jane Fonda

*Courtesy of Sack Theater Corporation

Taps ***

In the new 20th Century Fox film, Taps, Oscar winning actor Timothy Hutton stars as Brian Moreland, the top ranking cadet at the Bunker Hill Military Academy. George C. Scott, who won an Oscar for Patton (1970), stars as headmaster General Harlan Bache.

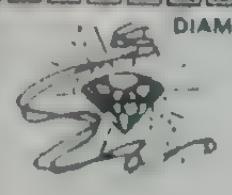
Bunker Hill Academy is a 141 year old institution that is to be closed in order to make way for condominiums. At commencement Bache makes the announcement that the school will close in a year so that seniors can graduate and underclassmen can transfer to other schools. It becomes Bache's dream to keep the school open. After Bache has a heart attack it becomes Moreland's mission. Moreland leads the cadets in a fight to save the school. And soon the real U.S. Army arrives on the scene to handle the situation, resulting in a mini war between the cadets of the Bunker Hill Academy and the U.S. Army.

One of the main points expressed in Taps is the concept of honor. As General Bache says, "honor is more important than a man's life; no weapon cuts through a single man's honor."

The acting in the film is top ranked. Timothy Hutton and George C. Scott are actors who have earned the respect of the Motion Picture Academy. Hutton brings the sensitivity that he brought to the role of Conrad Jarrett in Ordinary People (1980) and to the role of Moreland, and Scott brings the same hard nose quality to the character in Taps as he brought to Patton in 1970. The film is slow at times but it is also a sad film. Most of the film takes places within the four outer walls of the academy.

Taps is a good film with some interesting concepts. It examines the concept of children acting in a grownup world, fighting a grownup war. It's slow in parts, has some killings, and leaves you in a somber mood at the end of the film. Taps is a film that will echo deep in your mind long after seeing it.

--Bruce Griff



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Neighbors

Neighbors could very well be the biggest box office hit of the current flood of Christmas films. It is the first time Dan Akroyd and John Belushi have been together since the Blues Brothers. This pair is funnier than ever, and Cathy Morarty (Best known as Mrs. Jake LaMotta in the Raging Bull) is sexier than ever. Kathryn Walker puts in a good performance as Earl's wife, Edith.

The film is centered around Earl and Edith, two typical 9-to-5er's. They live in a very nice house which is between two other houses, one nice, the other not so nice. The shabbiest house of the three has been unoccupied for six months until one day a couple (Vic and Ramona) moves in. Earl, characterized as a loser, is pleasantly surprised as he finally sees his big chance for friendship.

As you will find out, Vic and Ramona are not your everyday average people. There is quite a contrast between the two couples and their ways. This is what makes Neighbors such a riot. The film is mainly a very funny comic satire.

I would very much recommend seeing Neighbors. Although the film is rated R, it does not really deserve it except for a few profanities. If you need a good laugh then this is the film to see.



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Sharky's Machine ***

Sharky's Machine is one of the "holiday entertainments" in the border season that really aim to entertain. Reynolds plays Sharky, a loner vice cop, whose "machine" consists of a assortment of misfits. The crooks include a candidate for government, an all-powerful international mobster, a drugged-out assassin, a corrupt cop, a heroin pusher, and call girls.

The movie is violent and romantic, a combination that works out well in this movie. The heart of it is a love story that develops between Sharky and a beautiful call girl, played by Rachel Ward. Watching her by telescope listening to her every sexy move through the bugs planted in her extravagant apartment, Sharky falls madly in love.

Sharky is assisted by Libertini as a nervous electronics ace who helps him wire the apartment. The movie keeps you on the edge of your seat. It succeeds in being very entertaining. I highly recommend Sharky's Machine and do not hesitate to say that it's one of the best of the holiday films.

--later Rinni

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--Peter Rinnig



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One of the greatest movies of 1977 has been called "Reds". It's a film about John Reed, the true story of a journalist who died for his wife. Beatty is writer, producer, director, and stars as John Reed. Kate Beatty stars as Kate. Jack Nicholson plays novelist Eugene O'Neill. This is the first time since "The Fortune" (1974) that Beatty and Nicholson have starred together.

This docu-drama takes place between 1917-19 the same time of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. Reds resembles a 1-hour, 30 minute version of "The World At War" complete with witnesses who tell accounts of John and Kate. One witness is played by George Jessel. It was during the filming of Reds that George Jessel passed away.

The long drawnout true story takes place in the mid-west, Greenwich Village, New York, and Russia. It involves Reed trying to get a Socialist party recognized in the United States. While gone, Kate fools around with Eugene O'Neill. When the party fails, John and Kate go to Russia to cover the Bolshevik Revolution. John Reed becomes a voice in the revolution speaking to Russians as he had done in America.

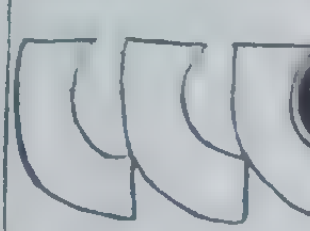
Reds is being called the thinking man's Doctor Zhivago. Actually it is more like the sleeping man's Doctor Zhivago. The classic 1965 MGM film that starred Omar Sharif in the title role had more action and romance than Reds. Doctor Zhivago even had a pretty song, Laura's Theme (Somewhere My Love) become a classic in its ownright. There is no humor or deviation from reality in Reds. Everything is straight out of a history book... Other biographical films such as Lenny (comedian Lenny Bruce-(1973)), Raging Bull (Jake LaMotta, (1980) and Coal Miners Daughter (Loretta Lynn (1980) had comedy, fighting, and music to enhance their brilliance. Beatty can't convey any feeling of Reed's writings in the film. Usually watching a film as long as Reds, eagerly awaiting the second installment. In Reds I was ready to walk out having been overtaken by boredom. Anyone who knows anything about John Reed can predict the ending.

Usually when the studio doesn't know how to sell a film they market it as a love story as is the case with Reds. The first weekend earnings were not good mainly because this film has a limited appeal. It is not the film that the teenage audiences are flocking to.

The only redeeming aspect of the film is the acting Beatty may be nominated for an Oscar for his acting as well as his directing. But, Reds is a film that should not have been released to theaters. It should be shown on CBS-TV and hosted by Walter Cronkite. A shame that Beatty did such an excellent job producing Heaven Can Wait (remake of Here Comes Mr. Jordan (1941) in 1977).

Reds is a film that is straight from the history books. It's long, boring, and has no action. The film is one that has a limited audience and mainly geared towards adults. The only place I hope to see Reds again is in the loss column of Paramount Pictures ledger sheets.

--Bruce Griff



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B.S., According to WHO'S WHO IN CAT-MUD-WRESTLING, it is O-Kay to give a cat a bath, but don't let the fur stick to your tongue.

Dear C.K.C.,

At last report, Kam was running a combination Laundry-Polynesian food-Insurance agency business in Boise, Idaho. In an interview, he was quoted as saying, "I'm sick and tired of McGarret tellin' me to 'Check every phone booth in the mainland'!"

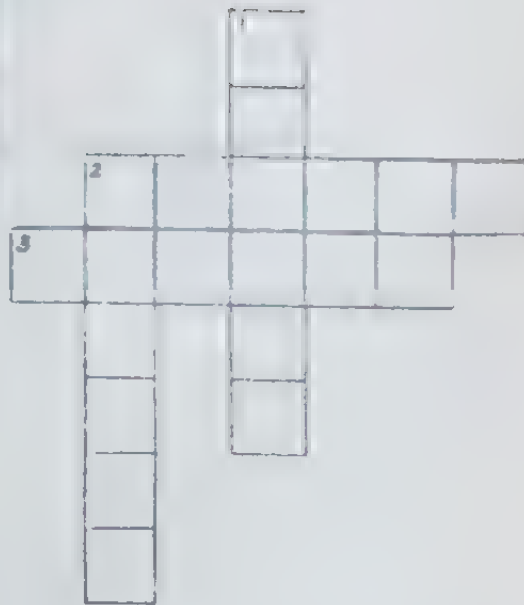
HUMOR

The best thing that happened was that Carter and Anderson were not in the White House. The worst was that Reagan was.

Highly Confused
Oshkosh, Wis.

1. In foreign countries: unions are good, the owners are bad. Workers should be helped, the rich government and government employees should not.
2. In U.S.: Unions are bad, the big companies are good. Assist the rich to get richer and let the poor learn to fend for themselves. The only similarity between the two policies is that government employees should be treated like dirt.

Foreshortened



1. Thinks Libya is out to get him
2. Old jerk



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JEHOVAH SMITH by John Abreau



Laurence at Large

To start off the new year, I have decided to make my soon-to-be infamous predictions. Thus, I give you:

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN 1982

California will fall into the ocean and California refugees will try to relocate in Latin American Countries.
Dick Clark and Pat Boone will age a year.
Liz Taylor will only marry twice.
Governor King will no longer make it in Massachusetts.
Luke and Laura will make love in the afternoon 4,261 times.

President Reagan will again claim to save money for the U.S., but this time he will cut out the whole judicial and legislative branches.

Chuck and Di will get a divorce. Chuck will gain custody of England, Wales, and Scotland, while Di will get custody of Northern Ireland.

The preppy look will die and once again wide ties will come back. (Aren't you glad you saved them?)

Rev. Faldwell will be blackmailed by men claiming to hold pictures of the Reverend kissing his mother in public.

Teachers, firemen, and policemen who lost their jobs because of Prop. 2 1/2 will find new ones as air traffic controllers.

Air traffic controllers will try to find jobs as teachers, policemen and firemen. (Aren't you glad Ronald Reagan is straightening out the country?)

The President will threaten to put an embargo on Russia only 5 times, and wheat sales to Russia will double during this time.

A new bomb called the nortuen will be invented. This bomb will only blow up buildings and leave people standing.

Secretary of the Interior Watt will be attacked by a Libyan wildlife hit squad hired by the Audubon Society.

And Nancy will have the White House painted a nice shade of blue and redecorate every room using any money saved by Reaganomics.

Teacher Profile

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As most people who had Mr. Murray as a teacher know, he was born in New York. When I went to see him I asked him to tell me about himself. His opening line was, "I was born a poor black child." I know what you're saying, "that's ridiculous", but when I said that he just went on to tell me how he went to old run down schools all his life. His secret ambition was to become an English teacher but he abandoned that thought early in his life. When I asked him why, he said, "I just don't think I have the stuff to make a good English teacher." So since he was convinced he would never make it as a teacher, his career thoughts turned to his playground activities. People were always telling him he was a good baseball player but as he said himself, "It was very difficult for a black man to get anywhere in that field." Then one day he was spotted by a talent scout and quickly snatched from the playground and put in the pros. The news was out. Reggie Jackson was NY's hottest new baseball player. That's right folks, Mr. Murray is the real Reggie Jackson. I was stunned! So what happened, I asked? It seems the publicity, the fans, and all the excitement was too much for him so he flew out of the country and had extensive plastic surgery. When he returned from his mysterious vacation he brought with him a young man named Chester Miller who took his place as Reggie Jackson. The young Reggie then changed his name to Michael Murray and returned to his one true love, teaching English. I asked if he ever regretted his decision. He said no, but he had to chuckle at the candy bar commercial that argue over who the real Reggie is.

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What?
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Moe,
Thanks for pushing me New Year's. Now it's your turn. Smile! You really do deserve me.
love,
Larry

P.S. Stop it! (for real)

L.C.
Behave yourself in Israel! (mint green!) I'll miss you!
D.B.

Mel Babes 1&2,
Congrats on the play!
I'm really happy for you--
Love,
JB

TASTY is awesome --
we've got the flavor!
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A Page of Opinions and Ideas

Drug Delusions

MR. DAVID SCHEIN

Tuesday's appearance by David Toma at Sharon High School represents the latest effort of the adult community to "do something" about an existing drug problem. The parents of P.A.C.T. who have sponsored this event are to be commended for their sincere efforts to address a complex situation. We all hope it will benefit our students; unfortunately a "one shot" approach is not enough. All involved in the Toma visit readily acknowledge that without everyday vigilance and understanding, the problem will persist.

It would appear that our society is so saturated with drugs that some adults have come to accept certain levels of adolescent drug use as harmless or natural. Many teenagers talk confidently of their ability to "handle" the situation and claim that "all kids do it". This permissiveness by some parents and the bravado of youth is an inappropriate response to underlying problems. Healthy people don't do drugs!

Drugs and alcohol have remained readily available to our youthful population for many years; only the popularity of certain substances has varied. The significant change has been in terms of the adults' attitude toward their children's use. In effect parents are deluding themselves by believing that teenage recreational use of these substances is merely experimentation.

Marsha Manatt, in a recent publication *Parents Peers and Pot*,* offers a guide for parents who seek to better understand the dimensions of the marijuana problem. She states the following:

"For the purpose of evaluating potential risks for 10 to 15 year-old users, the author defines frequency of use according to the following approximate scheme:

Heavy:	five joints or more per week, whether smoked in 1 day or spread throughout the week.
Regular:	one joint or more per week.
Infrequent:	less than monthly.
Experimental:	a few experiments but no continued usage."

In applying these guidelines it becomes apparent that many of our young people are regular to heavy users of marijuana. In addition, recreational use of alcohol with parental approval is not unusual. Finally, it is no surprise to hear of the persistence of a small group whose tastes run to the full gamut of dangerous drugs. Like most suburban communities, we too are flirting with disaster.

The availability of drugs creates a variety of related problems on a school campus. The merchandising of an illegal substance involves a network that stretches back to major



criminal elements. At school an underground of secrecy develops. Clandestine deals are planned and money must be found. Lies and coverups are invented. Gradual theft, shakedown and truancy undercut the school's program. For the weak child, escape from the problems of maturation is the acceptance of the drug solution.

Sharon High School is vigilant and caring. We do all that is currently possible to carefully supervise the activities of students in school. Excellent counseling services are available on campus. In-service workshops are planned for the faculty. But this is not enough! Until a complete health curriculum is adopted, the school is failing to properly educate its students about drugs. Until we recognize that "human adjustment" should be incorporated into all aspects of the school program, we are failing our students. Until we become a community that really cares, we will have a climate that results in a "drug problem".

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TOMA

Solidarity

KEVIN TYLER

KARL SUCHECKI

"The workers movement does not challenge anyone. We ourselves challenge one another with this revolt...the enemy, our most vicious enemies are ourselves...we are our own greatest threat." So said Lech Walesa in this month's Playboy interview.

In eight months Solidarity had become an independent union, which had its own headquarters, published its own newspaper and had its own printing and telex facilities, all reforms previously unheard of in a Soviet-Bloc country.

Lech Walesa played down these reforms and said, "We have attained one tremendous accomplishment. In the past year we survived. This is the greatest accomplishment of all," and it was, in a communist state where reform does not come easy.

However, on December 12, 1981 Solidarity sent itself over the edge. At the Solidarity convention in Gdansk, radical members overrode the moderate stand of Walesa and issued a warning to the Polish government. If the government refused to meet a series of union demands, Solidarity would hold its own national referendum asking the Polish people four questions: 1.) Are you for a vote of confidence in General Jaruzelski? 2.) Are you for the establishment of a temporary government and free elections? 3.) Are you for providing military guarantees to The Soviet Union in Poland? 4.) Can The Polish Communist Party be the instrument of such guarantees in the name of the whole society?

Hours after that meeting broke up in Gdansk, Polish troops surrounded the union's headquarters in Warsaw, beginning what the former Ambassador to the U.S. called, "...the most flagrant and brutal violation of human rights, which makes a mockery of the Polish signatures on the Helsinki accord."

On December 13, 1981 General Jaruzelski declared martial law in Poland with an onslaught of orders: the convening and holding of gatherings, processions, and demonstrations was banned. The distribution of all kinds of publications or information by any means was banned. All public gatherings for sports events and artistic entertainment was also banned. There was a curfew imposed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. People wanting to change their permanent residence for a period longer than 48 hours, had to first gain permission from regional authorities.

With the institution of martial law, Poles were told there was a "temporary suspension of all basic civil rights defined in The Polish Constitution, in particular those of personal liberty."

Romauld Spasowski, former Ambassador to the U.S. also said of martial law, "Under the umbrella of the military, specially trained units and security police began an unprecedented reign of terror...A state of war has been imposed upon Poland, a state of war against the Polish people."

Since the imposition of martial law the government confirms that 5906 people have been "interned", the majority in jails, and 17 people have died, 8 at the Wujek Coal Mine, 9 in Gdansk.

At the Wujek Coal Mine, the government alleged that several hundred people, armed with axes, red-hot metal rods and explosives attacked civil militia. The militia responded "in self defense" and killed six miners, two died in the hospital.

The New York Times reports that troops were

limping slightly as the result of a twisted back, David Toma ambled up to the small, wooden podium amid a thunderous round of applause from the students and staff of Norwood Junior High South. After an unnecessary introduction from the principal, he began his long, but never boring, speech.

Two-and-a-half hours later he stepped down to a standing ovation, briskly stepped over to the crowd, shaking a few hands, and talked with a few students.

Later he was still talking. A table had been set up outside the school and people were drifting in and out of earshot, picking up pieces of conversation as he spoke to one of South's "druggies." Talking and listening, listening and commenting. That's what this guy does...talks, and cares.

He talks about drugs, and, using a forceful yet eloquent tone, his message is easily read. He starts off with a brief intro..."Oh, I was hither or yonder a few days ago, and you know what? The place was overcrowded with druggies." Then Toma drives into a harrowing and believable tale of his experiences. The story is quite believable, yes, but is it just a wee bit exaggerated? One cannot tell, for Toma has under his belt over 7000 arrests, two TV series based upon his career, and several books dealing with drugs written about him and by him. He's not a super-cop or a Serpico, but those 7000 arrests were made without firing a shot in anger.

"Why do you do this?" asked one Norwood student.

"Because, kid, I love you," and he does. To him, it's not the money, it's knowing that he may have saved one kid, just one kid, from a harrowing life, or death.

One thing's for certain, in Norwood, two years ago, his message was well taken. Hope it will be here.

sent in against strikers at the Ursus works, on the outskirts of Warsaw, at a refinery in Gdansk; at two foundries in Katowice, at the nitrate works in Pulawy and at the Staszic colliery.

The Vice Prime Minister for Internal Affairs told The Times that strike action had been "specially intense" in the provinces of Warsaw, Katowice, Gdansk, Szczecin, Wroclaw, Lublin and Gorzow. He also said that, "in a dozen or so places it was necessary to use means of direct coercion."

Solidarity is so much more than a union 9.5 million strong, it is a movement that's built its very soul from Polish hearts. In the past year Poles have tasted freedom, to rip it all away now will cause bitterness and resentment. Martial law was put into effect to stabilize Poland, but Poland will not rest! The strikes and protests will continue, because the flame that burns in Polish hearts will not die. The Polish government in instituting martial law has fueled that flame.

Walesa said it best, "The fact that I lose today, because someone breaks my jaw, or hangs me, does not mean I lost...But the idea, whatever happens later, may prove to be the greater victory."

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters to the Editor

See Godspell!

To the Editor:

In the past, the school play has been one of the biggest events in town. For many years I can remember coming to see what seemed to be a professionally staged play.

Last year, as it happens every third year, was the end of the contractual cycle and a drama, sans music, was to be put on. The drama club fought with much hardships before finally staging a splendid showing of a popular English mystery. One of the hardships, though, was a small turnout due to much premature, unreasonable criticism.

This year, the magnificence of the musical is back. The drama club has been working hard on the great rock-and-roll smash-hit, Godspell. Aided by a rock combo formed and directed by John Ford, backed up by Mrs. Hughes and the chorus, this year's play promises to outdo all others.

Anyone who misses the show will miss one of the highest moments of his high school years. Let me remind you that when Sharon High puts on a play, the music is magical, the dancing is dazzling, and, if I may add, the acting, is without a doubt, awesome.

We, the students, must support the school play with as much spirit as we do sports. To let the musical die would be to murder Sharon High at its best. We must show, and continue to show for years to come, that when the students of Sharon set out to do anything, we do it with pride, with style, and with enthusiasm that could, in itself, bring down the house

--Laurence Lovett

Book Banning

To the Editor:

I am very concerned about the problem of book censorship which is beginning to grow at an alarming rate. As books are banished from a library, our society regresses.

Parents in certain towns in this country are afraid to permit their children to read books containing explicit language. They feel that the schools have no right to encourage or require the students to be exposed to this type of reading. Parents in these areas feel it is their parental duty to try and cleanse the schools as well as the minds of their children.

In Baileyville, Maine, a parent became outraged when she discovered her daughter reading 365 Days. The language in this book so incensed her that she insisted that it be removed from the school library.

I feel that if this particular book so offended her then she simply shouldn't read it. For this individual to attempt to ban this book from the school library was insane. A book simply contains words which cannot, in and of themselves, hurt anyone. Censors indicate the obligation to expurge "dirty words" from school libraries. That's fine if the words happen to be graffiti. However, if they are contained in a book which has something valid to say, it should be available to all who wish to read it.

I feel grieved that the issue of censorship is growing. When this occurs, it produces limited reading, which produces limited minds capable of limited thinking, which ultimately produces a limited society.

The Reverend A. Travis, a "Moral Majority" supporter, said, "Burn the books if you don't like them." In my opinion, if people begin dictating to others what they are permitted to read, as well as what they should believe in, the basic principles upon which this free democratic society is based are being seriously violated.

--Evan Simon

School Spirit at Sharon High

To the Editor:

We've all known that a certain enthusiasm has been lacking in our school the essence of which is demonstrated in our day to day living. How much do we really risk being ourselves--daring even to say "good morning" lest we be rejected or told "it ain't so" cause hell broke out at my house last night. The extent at which we are willing to be more loving is a prime factor in changing this cold environment into a warm one.

Perhaps the older members of this family could try talking "to" each other rather than "at" each other. Perhaps we could risk expressing our opinions more often and daring to share our various values, realizing that "no values" is a value.

How about working together to create some new traditions? Rather than each senior class leaving one another a verbal legacy of alcohol, drugs and sex, we might consider moving away from self and exploring and reinforcing the role young people might play in making this a better town, state, nation and world to live in.

I would like to see us get rid of such traditions as "slave day" or "buy a senior day" and traditions which judge the best class by who can shout the loudest. They reflect low expectations for young people and do not encourage them to reach beyond themselves. We not only need to give our young people "roots" but also "wings." There are many students in this school who would love to see us grow and mature in a new direction. The answer, I believe, lies in an awakened faculty and student government courageous enough to love across barriers of religion, race and class and really wanting to see this high school become a "training ground for life."

--Mr. Sumner McClain



IT'S ABOUT TIME

To the Editor:

I think we should all be encouraged by the fact that new laws concerning drinking and driving are in the works. Thousands and thousands of people are killed each year in alcohol-related car accidents, and many of those people were repeat offenders for driving while intoxicated. However, these laws must not be simply reactions to holiday tragedies; they must be permanent deterrents for the abusers of alcohol.

Judges throughout Massachusetts have said that they feel sentences concerning driving and drinking violations have been too lax. Recently a man was sentenced to a year in jail after being arrested for drunk driving twice within a three day period. On Christmas a 16-year old boy killed four people in a car accident while under the influence. Judges want him to be charged with voluntary manslaughter for his crime.

This boy is being used as an example --there is no question of that--and it is right that he receive the punishment due him. However, tragedies such as this happen every day of the year and the laws need to be tougher for everyone. Do we need a mandatory jail sentence for each first offender? Is there any way to stop teenagers from getting alcohol from so-called "buyers"? Do we need more policemen on the roads? Should 2nd and 3rd offenders be given a longer jail term? These are all questions which will be answered soon, I hope, for now.

--Jimmy Messina

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Christmas Carols

To the Editor:

Although songs such as "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World" may have originated as purely religious songs, they have developed into an integral part of American culture. They have become holiday songs: in general, and as sung by the chorus, they are not intended to impose any religious beliefs on anyone. The primary value of these songs is in their music; their words have lost much of their original literal meaning, becoming simply wishes for joy, goodwill, and happiness.

We must confront the real problems concerning the separation of Church and State; for example, the Creationists, groups seriously attempting to impose their religious views on others, directly through the public school system. The singing of traditionally accepted holiday songs in the halls of Sharon High hardly seems relevant to this problem. Since some of the most beautiful and well-written songs are about God, it would be unreasonable to ask the Sharon High School Chorus, or any other serious singing group, to eliminate from its repertoire all songs mentioning God.

(By the way, even the daily Pledge of Allegiance contains a reference to a nation "under God". Maybe it should be banned from SHS, or at least rewritten so as to separate Church from State?)

--Müge Erkan

A YEAR IN SHARON

To the Editor:

Where do I begin? With the good times? the best time? the bad times? or the insight I have grown to realize? All these are prominent. However, it is people - students, teachers, residents of Sharon - who stand to the fore in my remembrances. My feelings conflict as I draw closer to leaving the United States. While reflecting, an irony is brought to mind. I arrived at Logan Airport at 10:00 PM January the 17th...or was it the 18th? I really didn't know, nor did I care. In the past few weeks, I've begun to count the days left.

Sharon was a town so different from Urangan, a small town on the Eastern coast of Australia, or anywhere else I had ever been. It was enchanting to see it for the first time. The roofs were blanketed in a cushion of snow, and the gutters were clad in winter walls of icicles, like inverted buttresses, stretched taut by an unseen force. The hard crusted snow gave way when I stepped on it, filling my shoes with powder. The houses appeared vibrant, though aged, sleepy yet thoughtful. How exquisitely complete New England is in the winter, so dissimilar to my origin, where the continuity of life is made boring, almost dreaded, by the unchanging seasons, where the warmth of the climate is rejected in the hearts of the people but fails to cleanse their souls of tedium.

Whatever the obvious physical differences of location and habit, I soon learned that people are the most basic and necessary unit of any society.

Teenagers may find the path to adulthood turbulent, disenchanting, harsh, and - at times - cruel. Please, never believe that you have stopped growing! For that would be the time to stop dreaming; there would be no more goals. You would stop walking the road of life and that is a sorrowful and disdainful death. Your problems are shared throughout the world; in different cultures the pressures may take different forms, and the weapons used in conflict may be different. However different, they remain identical in the roots or cause. Seeing these roots of rivalry and the relationship between opponents exposes the great void made perfect by misunderstanding.

Knowledge is begotten only through challenge, effort, and honesty, and the receipt, acceptance and full utilization of every experience life pitches you. Life is a strange game; you can never strike out as long as you lift the bat and walk to home plate.

You have the power in youth to do what you wish; this is a country where the rights of people epitomize liberty. This freedom can be abused, or it can be rightfully exploited. I am disheartened to see so few people making use of it. When life is there, see it, use it, feel it. Dream your dreams, vindicate your goals; they are yours, and they make time and space for you to grow. Set your goals never too high for you to reach. Accept challenge, expend effort, and laugh. My memories of Sharon High are not all sweet, but like good marmalade they will mellow with age. Thank you everyone.

--Darryl Rowe

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THE LAST WORD

An Editorial



GERALD H. GAMM

Apathy

I just turned 18! On Monday, January 18, I gained many of the rights, privileges, and responsibilities accorded adults. My "Cinderella" drivers' license will never again turn into a pumpkin at 1:00 a.m. I have become obligated to register for the hypothetical military draft. Supposedly, I can now go see X-rated movies. My parents no longer have to sign legal documents on my behalf. All of these "birthday presents," though, pale in comparison to my newly-acquired ability to vote. Suffrage is the single greatest possession of the citizens of the United States. A democracy whose citizens don't have that right is called a dictatorship.

Unfortunately, a horrifying number of Americans--my peers and elders alike--are foregoing their right to vote. They are succumbing to apathy, the tapeworm of democracy. Apathy is saying "maybe" when pressed for a decision, mumbling "I dunno" when asked for an opinion, and pretending to look the other way when seeing a freshman pulled into the 300's lav. Apathy is not caring, not wanting to care. "The hottest places in Hell," wrote Dante, "are reserved for those who in time of great moral crises maintain their neutrality."

Ours is a society disgustingly apathetic. Monkeys all!

See no evil...

After witnessing a murder or a rape, people often "don't bother" to call the police.

Hear no evil...

The cries of starving, homeless Asian and African children for assistance are too frequently superseded by the stomach's groans for a Snicker's candy bar.

Speak no evil...

Rather than commit ourselves to an unpopular cause in which we believe, many of us would rather listlessly drift with the majority.

Only when we all crawl out of our cells and begin caring about others can we truly care for, and respect, ourselves. Apathy is a disease that breeds indifference, obliviousness. It is a sad day, when, in the birthplace of modern democracy, less than 30% of voting-age Americans elect the President. Even worse, few of those who don't vote care. As Robert Maynard Hutchins commented in 1954:

The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference, and undernourishment.

Sometimes I wonder if all those people who refuse to vote would prefer to have a government in which they have no say...but then I realize the redundancy of the thought.

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